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MEDIA RELEASE

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Phone "Spoofing"	December 2, 2014 at 1639 hours	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
14BU33831	Burlington, Vermont	
INVESTIGATOR:	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:	
Ofc. Thayer B261	(802)540-2261	
AUTHOR:	APPROVED BY:	
Ofc. Thayer B261	Lt. Davidson B122	
VICTIM:	AGE:	VICTIM ADDRESS:
numerous		
SUSPECT:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
unknown		
SUSPECT DISPOSITION:		
unidentified		

NARRATIVE:

Today, December 2, 2014, the Burlington Police Department began receiving multiple reports of suspicious phone calls. In each call, the caller identified himself/herself as an employee of the Burlington Police Department and indicated that the subject who received the call needed to pay a fine or face arrest. In each case, the caller had personal information of the person they called. The victims reported that the caller spoke with a heavy foreign accent. The Burlington Police Department business line, (802)658-2704, was "spoofed" and came up on the receiver's caller ID.

The Burlington Police Department would like to remind the public to be aware of such scams and that at no time would a police officer or other representative of the police ever ask for payment information such as credit card, bank account, etc., over the phone.

If you have been a victim of this scam or if you have any further information, you can contact Officer Lee Thayer at the Burlington Police Department at (802)540-2261.

Respect ~ Honor ~ Remember

*Officer James P. McGrath, end of watch May 12, 1904; Officer J. Albert Fisher, end of watch December 15, 1947;
Officer Robert W. Provost, end of watch January 13, 1954*